



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (QLD) INCORPORATED
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QUEENSLAND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2015

Dear Brothers,

Formation Programme - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

4th Session: Marriage is a Sacrament

'A Sacrament is a sign of grace which produces what it signifies. Among the seven Sacraments of the Church, marriage (or matrimony) stands out as the only Sacrament conferred by those who receive it. They confer it on each other. The celebrant is the official witness of the Church and in Australia of the State'.

Marriage is a sign of the unbreakable Covenant between Christ and the Church. It is a source of grace and holiness. Please refer to the 'Marriage and Family Life' formation program issued to all Branches for more details.

KSC – 9th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations is from 6 Sept - 28 Nov 2015.

The aim again is to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. By praying for a general increase in vocations, we hope that this will eventually lead to an increase in Catholic Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas) where there is a drastic need.

In 2014, we had **over 28,245** children, students, parents and other Catholics around Australia praying and their commitment was deeply appreciated by both the KSC and the Military Ordinariate. The numbers included every Catholic parish in Tasmania. Your prayer support during the past has been tremendous but we must continue to pray. There are currently no candidates training to become chaplains as priests but 2 training to become permanent deacons. Will you please continue to help in this effort in your branch and your parish? Simply included in the 'prayers of the faithful'

The commitment is simple. Your branches, parish or individual members choose 1 week during the 12 weeks of the Crusade and pray the Crusade Prayer each day. That's all!

The Form and full details have been issued to all Branches, please talk to your Branch Secretary or by e-mail to - neo@ksca.org.au Phone: (02) 6247 2977. Your participation, assistance and support with this activity are strongly recommended and please extend the invitation to your Parish and Schools in **July and August** at the latest.

Thanks very much for your support and assistance in this vital ministry. May God bless you and your members.

Succession planning- Don't be caught short!

Succession Planning is a process for identifying and developing members with the potential to fill key leadership roles in the branch. It increases the availability of experienced and capable members that are prepared to assume key roles as they become available. With the mid-year executive renewal, branches need to consider the roles members play in branch executives and the need for succession and assisting in these roles to ensure sustainability of the branch. Please contact State Office for any guidance or assistance required with this process.

Islamism group - Please consider offering up prayers for those affected by the ongoing atrocity against Christians and others in Iraq and Syria at the hands of ISIS. Rev Andrew White requests the following prayer is offered on behalf of the brothers, sisters and children in Iraq.

*'Dear Lord, Please put Your Holy Angles around Your people in Iraq and protect them.
Confound the enemies' plan to harm and kill.
Protect our dear brothers and their families and friends.
Reveal Yourself to them'.*

Quote of the month: 'The witness of action speaks much more loudly than words'

'Today, in the field of Catholic education we need leaders who are people of imagination, people who love the Church, people who have an active spiritual life. We need saints! (Fr Aidan Carvill). This can be true of us as Knights. Please take a moment to read the **June** edition of **Knights News** for some inspiring columns and wonderful events.

Please note the **St Vincent de Paul** – 'Winter Appeal' is currently underway. With your support, Vinnie's can provide much-needed assistance to the people in our community that need it most. As individuals and branches, we can assist.

Service and Christianity

Vincent Granahan

State Secretary

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PS. Please distribute a copy of the Monthly Newsletters to all members within Branches.

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING DATES FOR JULY 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE	27 th JUNE	CAIRNS BRANCH 90 TH ANNIVERSARY – Celebrating with a Special Mass and Dinner
	29 th JUNE	OFFICE CLOSED Re-OPENS 13th JULY
JULY	2nd JULY	STATE COUNCIL MEETING
	1 st JULY	Fees for year ending 2015/16 due
	1 ST JULY	SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE COUNCIL FORM 13 (BY LAWS SCHEDULE 20 PAGE 37)
	13 TH JULY	OFFICE REOPENS
	13 TH JULY	Toowoomba Branch – Installation of the new Office Bearers

Saturday 14th November - State Conference and AGM (more details to follow)

Sunday 15th November - Meeting with State Councillors and District Chairman and Diocesan Councillors

Publication of Order History 1921-2000 – Those who are prepared to support this project by pre-ordering a specially prepared bound copy of this publication will have their support acknowledged in their copy. Please forward cheques and details of where the book is to be forwarded to State Office PO Box 1357, Stafford Qld 4053. Please include who the book is to acknowledge i.e. individual name and/or Branch name.

This prepaid order (of \$50) will greatly assist in funding the cost (\$20,000 to publish the Order History). Any support that can be given by way of a pre-order or donation will be gratefully received.

Any assistance in publicising the existence of the publication with members, ex-members or families of deceased members would be greatly appreciated.

Please email admin@kscq.org.au if you require any further information.

*** WANTED NEW OR USED REMOVALIST CARTONS - Currently Branch 2/10 is arranging the shipping of donated goods to Kimbe and the Branch urgently needs Books and Wine Removalist cartons. If any member can assist with the donation of such cartons please contact State Office or David Jefferies Mob 0411 744 692**

New Brochures State Council have in stock copies of a new colour brochure explaining the work of the KSC. These are available to branches from State Office **free of charge** and can be personalised with contact details for local branch if required. These brochures are an excellent marketing tool for branches seeking new members.

New KSCQ Promotion Kit- State Council has approved a new KSCQ Recruitment Kit which contains copies of promotional material for the Knights. The kit includes full colour posters depicting Pope Francis, KSCQ brochures, talking points and palm cards which include information and suggestions on approaches members may use when approaching people who may be interested in joining the Order. These kits are available now from Head Office. If you are interested in acquiring copies please phone 3357 5544 or email admin@kscq.org.au. Further information can be found in the June edition of the Knights News, along with examples of the posters.

The Order's Chaplain **Father Aidan Carvill's** book '**Everyone's a Breather**', a book on Christian Formation, is available from State Office at a cost of \$27.50. They can also be obtained from Locked Bag 10, Wilston PO Qld 4051 for \$27.50 including packaging.

We also have copies of **Duntroon to Dili** written by **Deacon Gary Stone** available from State Office prices are: Hardback \$34.95 (Postage add \$14) ; Paperback \$29.95 (Postage add \$10.00) www.GaryStone.com.au

Duntroon to Dili is a compelling story of a man who has committed his life to the service of others: to his nation as a combat Soldier, Army and Police Chaplain, to God as an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church and to the people of Timor-Leste and many other countries as a spiritual leader, humanitarian and man of action. Dramatic experiences in the Iran-Iraq war saw him develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Gary chronicles his own struggle and management of this illness, and his parallel ministry to other veterans similarly affected. His experience and understanding of the comprehensive physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual strategies that he has employed, should help all who read this to understand and deal better with this condition.

Call for Volunteers for State Office

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

The **Knights of the Southern Cross** is still are seeking volunteers to assist them in the collation and archiving of records of the Order's work in Queensland over the past 90 years and in general office administration. Archiving is usually undertaken on a Monday or Wednesday at their **State Office at the old Convent School next to St Carthage's Church, Beaconsfield Tee., Gordon Park**. No experience in archiving is necessary and any help on a regular or irregular basis would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in assisting should contact **David Jefferies Ph 3396 6829 or Mob 0411 744 692**.

HEAD OFFICE NEWS

RECOGNITION TO KSCQ ELDERS

The Constitution of the KSCQ was amended at last year's AGM and members over the age of 90 years and with five years financial membership are now eligible to apply to State Council for them to be granted Elder Membership Status, which entitles them to subscription free membership of the Order . Application Forms are available from Branch Secretaries or from State Office, P.O. Box 1357 Stafford Qld 4053. Enquiries Ph (07) 3357 5544.~

KSC Head Office Email address – Please note that the email address for Head Office is **admin@kscq.org.au** all other email addresses **have been discontinued**.

Knights News – any relevant information that you would like to be included in the Knights News for the June 2015 edition will need to be in at head office by the **1st September 2015** or alternately you can email the Editor **Bernie Bartsch** at bernoe@tpg.com.au by the **1st September 2015**.

Can you help us save us postage?

Anyone wanting to receive the Knight's News and/or Queensland Monthly Newsletter by email please let Anne know at Head Office by sending an email to admin@kscq.org.au with this request. This has dual benefits it allows speedy delivery of this information to you in colour and benefits the Knights of The Southern Cross with reduced mailing costs.

David Jefferies
State Chairman



COMMUNITY RELATIONS NEWSLETTER

July 2015

Brothers,

There are obviously two “hot button” issues around at the moment. Last month I spoke about euthanasia. This month the topic is once again “same-sex marriage”. The Australian Catholic Bishops have published a pamphlet, *Don't Mess with Marriage*. Br. Damien Jones has sent a copy out via email, but if you have not seen it, it can be found on the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

This “debate” has intensified since the referendum in Ireland. And now over 100 companies have taken out an add in a national newspaper declaring their support for “same-sex marriage”. Those who defend traditional marriage need to make their voices heard.

At the moment, the people who need to hear our voices are the politicians. In Ireland the issue was decided by a general vote of the population. (I will not go into what was behind that vote.) Here in Australia the issue is likely to be decided by a couple of hundred politicians in Canberra. They need to hear our voice.

Tony Abbott and his Liberal Party colleagues need to hear that they should keep a party position on this issue – a position that defends traditional marriage. Labour Party politicians, who seem to be falling over themselves to support this social experiment, need to hear that many of their supporters think they are wrong.

You will notice that I put the word “debate” in inverted commas. That is because we have not had and are not having a serious debate about this issue. The “debate” is the repetition of slogans with no real argument. A serious debate is not about “marriage equality”. A serious debate is about the nature of marriage. Even the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States have recognised this fact. Why is it that people like Bill Shorten hide behind the rhetoric of equality and fail to admit that what they are talking about is a re-definition of the institution of marriage, and consider all the consequences that such a redefinition brings?

In writing to politicians point out to them that they have not been seriously discussing what is at the heart of the question – what is marriage? You cannot adopt “same-sex marriage” and not change the understanding of marriage, and hence alter a fundamental institution of our society, an institution which, despite the failings of many, has served us well for thousands of years.

Those politicians speaking in favour of “same-sex marriage” do not seem to realise that they are saying to all their married constituents who married into the state sanctioned institution we call marriage, that that institution is inadequate, that it is not good, and they intend to change that institution. Unfortunately too many married people do not realise what is being said about the institution of marriage when people speak glibly about extending it to people of same sex attraction. It is not an extension. It is the creation of a new institution and the undermining of another.

The other diversionary tactic is to pretend that this is a clash between a religious belief and “modern society”. Although this can be, and is for us, also a matter of religious belief, it is not only a matter of religious belief. Traditional marriage has been the fundamental unit of societies with all kind of religious beliefs, because marriage is just that, a fundamental unit of society.

As Archbishop Coleridge expressed it so well recently, there are all different kinds of love. Marital love is a special kind of love, a love which is defined by the fact that it is between complementary sexes and open to the begetting of children. To call something else "marriage" is to undermine true marriage.

We need to let our voices be heard.

Fraternaly yours,
RAY CAMPBELL
Community Relations Officer
I can be contacted on qbc@bne.catholic.net.au

Community Relations is the process by which Order members acquire knowledge and understanding of matters of moral and social importance and then communicate such knowledge and understanding in order to promote the development of the Christian way of life throughout the nation. (From the Order Manual)



ECONOMIC NEWS

July 2015

Dear Brothers,

House ownership is the great Australian dream and the pressures on all Australians to attain this dream are the source of continued debate. Whether its affordable housing, negative gearing, increasing stamp duty or interest rates, all of us have great interest in what is probably the biggest financial decision of our lives.

For government the main drivers of policy formation are centred on the provision of affordable housing, affordability for first home owners through adequate supply and necessary taxes, duties and rates to assist running of services. Home ownership is always seen as the ideal state to encourage as home owners have vested interest in improving not only the property but also the community surrounding the home.

The same cannot be as heart felt for investors. The current allowance for property portfolios through Self Managed Super Funds (SMSF), low interest rates and strong foreign investment interest due to the low Australian dollar has meant that the median house price has averaged 5% growth year on year for the last five years. This does not look like abating as more people become confident with using their super to buy investment property, a continued outlook of low interest rates over the next two years and foreign investors looking for higher yields than what is on offer elsewhere in the world.

Analysing the current conditions, house prices have increased substantially in Sydney and Melbourne although apartment prices have not had as high growth. Brisbane house prices have increased but by not as much. Apartments have kept their value due to an increased supply of apartments within the inner city. Regional Queensland has seen mixed results due to the downturn in mining and conclusion of mining infrastructure construction.

A popular argument is that negative gearing is keeping first home owners out of the market by inflating house prices. This policy celebrates 30 years this month and came about through the desire to reduce taxable income of investors for losses they would incur by providing affordable rents. Expenses that could be deducted initially were restricted to interest payments but have extended to all expenses associated with investment properties.

One of the new questions being asked of rentals is for them to pay the water bills associated with the property. I think this is unfair considering that most landlords are reducing their taxable income by declaring the water bills they are paying on a rental. If negative gearing is to be reversed, it needs to be in small steps like abolishing small

expense deductions like water bills and done over a number of years so that the effects on rental prices have an opportunity to adjust.

However getting rid of negative gearing altogether would be a disincentive for young investors and renters and would encourage a culture of non reward for effort. Innovation and aspiration would be discouraged, key ideals our country needs to promote to build a resilient economy.

This can be seen in the rise of the chinese economy as it has moved from an agrarian society to a developing country in the last 30 years. Today, this has resulted in 70 million well to do chinese looking to invest in safe markets overseas – one of which is our housing market.

There is no reason why most Australians can benefit from this providing this investment is directed towards our growth areas. The strongest advice for young Australians looking to enter the housing market would be to buy affordable housing as soon as possible. Residents of North Lakes or Springfield would attest to this with major increases in house prices from the modest prices that these houses were bought for five years ago. The fact that public transport infrastructure has nearly joined these suburbs to the wider city allows these areas to attract more investment and hence capital and community growth.

Release of more land, slight easing of expenditure deductions and encouraging overseas investment into new developments will all help in making our housing more affordable and realising growth and returns for housing investors. These initiatives will encourage all Australians to realise the great Australian ideal of home ownership.

J. Kelly
17th June, 2015

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OBITUARY LIST

July 2015

JULY 1994

FROST, Vincent B. - Redcliffe
SETO, Donald - Brisbane Br. 81
GORDON, Hubert R. - Brisbane Br. 10
CAVANAGH, Theodore J. - Group 75 (Kingaroy)

JULY 1995

BARRA, Angelo - Ingham
O'KANE, Henry James - Warwick

JULY 1996

McCARTHY, Michael George - Brisbane Br. 81
KENNETT, Alfred Lewis - Group 75 (Mitchell)
HYLAND, Maurice Edmond - Brisbane Br. 10

JULY 1997

McDONNELL, James Edward - Brisbane Br. 82
SKEHAN, John Francis - Brisbane Br. 56

JULY 1998

WALKER, John Edward - Gympie

JULY 1999

ELMORE, John Edward Alexander - Ipswich
RITCHIE, William - Brisbane Br. 10
BENNETT, Monsignor - PP Clifton
KRUGER, Vincent Francis - Crows Nest

JULY 2000

COGLAN, Rupert Virgil - Townsville
CONDON, James - Bundaberg

JULY 2001

REED, John Lyle - Brisbane Br. 9
SEATON, Patrick Stephen - Brisbane Br. 61
HOARE, Francis James - Dalby
DALTON, Kevin Patrick - Ipswich

JULY 2002

WHITESIDE, Thomas Alfred - Townsville
McAVOY, Francis Joseph (Joe) - Innisfail

JULY 2005

HOGAN, Kevin James - Biloela
GLEESON, Edmund Joseph (Joe) - Brisbane Br. 10
MCGRATH, John (Jack) - Brisbane Br. 82

JULY 2006

SHEEHAN, Martin Logan - Brisbane Br. 82

JULY 2007

BRERETON, John - Redlands Br. 95
PERRIN, Lance William - Warwick Br. 36
BOURKE, Thomas Joseph - Clifton Br. 59
NOAKES, Rowland James, Group 75 (Brisbane)

JULY 2008

CODY, Michael James (Warwick Br 36)

JULY 2009

GLEESON, Michael James (Biloela Br 37)

JULY 2010

MALONEY SM, Fr Tom
DINNEEN, William Henry

JULY 2011

BIELENBERG, Kenneth George (Brisbane Br 81)
MCKEWIN, Roy Alfred (Group 75)

JULY 2012

MATTHEWS, Joseph (Joe) (Brisbane Br 61)
CONDON, Eric John (Maroochydore Br 88)
O'REILLY, Douglas (Doug) J. (Cairns Br 7)

JULY 2013

JOHNSON, William (Group 75, Southport)
MCCANN, John Joseph (Townsville Br 8)

RECENTLY DECEASED

MCLEAN, Jack Alexander (Brisbane Br 11)
EVANS, Leo Richard (Brisbane Br 9)
LOGAN, Leonard Edward (Brisbane Br 81)
MCKEE, Brian Charles Frederick (Group 75)
SMITH, James (Jim) Williams (Redlands Br 95)

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, May They Rest In Peace

SICK LIST

Please pray for these members:

- AKERS Michele (daughter of Joe Pike **Br 1** deceased)
ANDERSEN Maurice (Andy) (Brisbane **Br 9**)
ANDERSON, Karen (daughter of John Patti, Stanthorpe)
BALL Lynda (wife of Bob Ball, State C'cillor, Bundaberg **Br 15**)
BARBER, Neil (Bundaberg **Br 15**)
BARBER Steve (Caboolture **Br 90**)
BERRYMAN Col (Townsville **Br 8**)
BETTLES Trevor (Brisbane **Branch 11**)
BRENNAN Patrick (Wynnum **Br 46**)
BRITTEN Will (Caboolture **Br 90**)
BYRNE Noela (widow of Kevin Byrne Caboolture **Br 90**)
CARLILE John (Bundaberg **Br 15**)
CLARKE Kevin (**Group 75**)
CLAYDON Marie (widow of Felton Wynnum **Br 46**)
CLISSE Richard (Redlands **Br 95**)
CURRAN Frank & wife Kay (Brisbane **Br 56**)
DEZOLT Paul (son in law of Sam Spina Ingham **Br 26**)
DOLAN May (wife of John Dolan, **Group 75**)
DOWD Gil (Brisbane **Br 9**)
DOWD Lorna (wife of Gil - Brisbane **Br 9**)
DUFFY Kev (**Group 75**)
EGAN Shirley (wife of Des Egan **Br 46**)
EUSTACE Henry (Brisbane **Br 10**)
FERRICKS Merv (Brisbane **Br 9**)
GARDNER Bill (Caboolture **Br 90**)
GERAGHTY Sister Teresa PBVM
GIAROLA Guiseppe (Joe) (**Group 75**)
GOULD Marjorie (wife of Kevin - Bundaberg **Br 15**)
HAWKINS Ted (Caboolture **Br 90**)
HISHON Janis
HOARE, Tony (Townsville **Br 91**)
JEFFERIES, Kieran (son of David, State Chairman)
JONKERS Martin OAM (Caboolture **Br 90**)
KELLY John & wife Patricia (Caboolture **Br 90**)
LA SPINA Joe (Caboolture **Br 90**)
LAGANA Albert (Innisfail **Br 25**)
MAIFREDI Bruno (Tully **Br 41**)
MATTHEWS Eileen (widow of Joe Matthews Brisbane **Br 6**)
MEADE Richard (Townsville West **Br 91**)
McCARTHY Enid (wife of Life Member Bill McCarthy)
McMAHON Terry (Brisbane **Br. 82**)
MILLS Rod (Brisbane **Br 82**)
MOLLISON Fay (wife of Bob) (Brisbane **Br 11**)
NUNN Eddie (Wynnum **Br 46**)
O'CONNELL Dan (Caboolture **Br 90**)
O'CONNELL Denise (widow of Denis O'Connell **Br 90**)
PITT Kevin (Townsville **Br 8**)
POWER Bill (Brisbane **Br 1**)
QUANE Grace (wife of John (decd) Brisbane **Br. 61**)
RYAN John (Brisbane **Br 56**)
SERRURIER Mick (Townsville West **Br 91**)
SILVA Julio (Wynnum **Br 46**)
SOUTHERWOOD Father Terry (Tasmanian State Chapla
STREET Keith & wife Kath (Caboolture **Br 90**)
SUTTON Steve (Townsville **Br 8**)
THOMAS Roz (wife of Leon Thomas Wynnum **Br 46**)
THORSBY Mary (wife of Denis Thorsby, Crows Nest **Br 8**)
TOBIN Nathan (Ipswich **Branch 2**)
TOOMEY Jack (Caboolture **Br 90**)
TRANTER Ray (Wynnum **Br 46**)
TURNER, Ian (Brisbane **Br 56**)
TURPIN Margaret (wife of Br Harold Turpin dcd **Br 46**)
WALSH, Eileen (wife of Laurie Walsh Maroochydore **Br 8**)
WATSON, Doug (**Group 75**)
WEBER Les (Maroochydore **Br 88**)
WILLIAMSON Ron (Brisbane **Br 82**)
WINTER Elaine (wife of Mike, **Group 75**)
WHITE Errol (Caboolture **Br 90**)